



21st Century Scholars Senior Scholarship Checklist

All high school seniors enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program must complete the following steps to maintain eligibility for the 21st Century Scholarship.

☐ **Complete the 21st Century Scholars Senior Affirmation Form by March 10, 2016**

The 21st Century Scholars Affirmation Form confirms that a Scholar has honored his or her 21st Century Scholars Pledge. Senior Scholars must submit a completed Affirmation Form to the State 21st Century Scholars Office by **March 10, 2016**. Scholars can either complete a paper affirmation form and mail it in to the State 21st Century Scholars Office, or complete the affirmation online. A PDF of the paper affirmation and the online affirmation will be available at www.scholars.in.gov after September 1, 2015.

☐ **File the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10, 2016**

Senior Scholars must file a completed **2016-2017** FAFSA by **March 10, 2016**. The FAFSA must be signed by both the student and a parent or legal guardian using individual Personal Identification Numbers (PINs). The FAFSA can be completed at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. The FAFSA must be received by the federal processor by March 10 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.

Please note: Senior Scholars must complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA even if they do not enroll or plan to enroll in college until the fall 2016 term.

☐ **Make corrections/updates to 2016-2017 FAFSA by May 15, 2016**

Scholars filing a FAFSA will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) via the email address listed on their FAFSA or delivered to their home address if an email address was not listed. Scholars/parents must review the SAR carefully and make all necessary updates/corrections by the May 15 deadline by visiting www.FAFSA.ed.gov and logging on to the completed FAFSA using their PINs.

☐ **Achieve a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale**

Senior Scholars must graduate from high school with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. Scholar GPA is automatically reported to the State by their high school.

☐ **Apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university, or technical school**

All high school seniors enrolled in the 21st Century Scholars program are required to apply for admission to an eligible institution of higher education during their senior year of high school. A list of eligible institutions can be found at www.scholars.in.gov.

☐ **Enroll as a full-time student**

Only 21st Century Scholars enrolled as **full-time** students at an eligible institution can receive the Scholarship. Senior Scholars graduating during the spring 2016 term must enroll as full-time students no later than the fall semester of 2017 to maintain Scholarship eligibility.